

The Vance Hotel  
Castroville, Texas.  
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The present owner and occupant is Jordan F. Lawler, who acquired the property about 1928 from Joseph Courand.

The property with the original one-story building was sold by a Mr. Monat to John Vance in 1853, who started and operated a general store therein. A single room stone building immediately north of the present building was occupied by Judge George H. Noonan until he was elected to Congress. This room has since been removed. John Vance moved to San Antonio in 1877 and upon his death in 1890 his brother James Vance fell heir to the property. James Vance sold it to Mr. Courand about 1895.

No alterations of any consequence have been made since the second story was added, in 1874. The building is supposed to have become a hotel shortly after this date, probably in 1877, when John Vance left Castroville. The removal of the second story porch occurred at an unknown date.

The date of construction of the original one-story building is not known, nor is it possible to trace the history of events or usages of the various units comprising the group of structures shown on cover sheet. The Store was at one time a well known wagon train stop for the freight traffic to Mexico. Prior to the Civil War, various U. S. military men visited at the house, among them Sheridan, then a lieutenant.

The grounds were originally enclosed by a stone wall and one of the wood gates through the wall is in the possession of Mrs. Rena M. Green, one of the Vance and Noonan descendants. The James and John Vances mentioned herein are the same persons mentioned in the history of the James Vance House, San Antonio, Project No. 33-A-1.

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